# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MAY 15, 2014 HUDSON ROOM - 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

#### I Call to Order and Roll Call - 9:37 A.M.

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Accountancy was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Pursuant to those provisions, the proper notifications were made to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Camden Courier-Post, the Trenton Times, the Asbury Park Press, the Record, and the Star-Ledger. Board President, John Dailey called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. The following roll call was taken:

Richard C, Barlotta, PA Present Jorge A. Caballero, CPA Excused John F. Dailey, Jr., CPA Present Sara L. DeSmith, CPA Present Daniel J. Geltrude, CPA Present Dennis C. Meyerson, PA Present David J. Milkosky, CPA Present Harold Model, CPA Present Ainsley A. Reynolds, CPA Present Michael H. Runge, CPA Present

David J. Milkosky was sworn in and signed his Oath of Office. Mr. Milkosky was welcomed to the Board of Accountancy.

Mr. Mikosky informed the Board that he has been with Ernst and Young for about 37 years. Has been working in government relations for the last 20 years. He is looking forward to working with the Board.

On a motion made by David Mikosky, seconded by Jorge Caballero, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 A.M. to discuss the results of the Investigative Inquiry, six matters of Old Business, four matters of New Business, one Request for

Reinstatement, UPL in Lieu of Formal Complaint for Audit 2009-2011, three Consumer Complaints The vote of the Board was unanimous.

The Public Session meeting was reconvened at 11:40 A.M.

Also present at the meeting were Khaled Madin, Acting Executive Director; Tobey Palan, Deputy Attorney General, Melba Rodriguez, Secretarial Assistant; Marie Lisa, Staff; Jaleila Wilson, Staff; Ralph Thomas, Executive Director, NJSCPA; Mike Polito, Past President, NJSCPA, Jeff Kaszerman, Government Relations, NJSCPA; William Mandeville, Former Executive Director; Keith Balla, Former Board Member; Robert Cagnassola, Former Board Member; Andrew DuBoff, Former Board Member, Margaret Shoe, Former Board Member; Peter Torok, Former Board Member; John Tully, Former Board Member; Gerard Abbasttista, President, NJSCPA and David Plaskow, Editor, NJSCPA.

# II Minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 2014

On a motion made by Jorge Caballero, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to approve the March 20, 2014 Public Session minutes with corrections. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#### III President's Remarks

President Dailey informed the Board that new Board member David Milkosky participated in the Executive Session meeting held earlier but unfortunately had a meeting that he had to attend. He will introduce himself to everyone next month.

President Dailey requested that Keith Balla come forward and presented him with a plaque for his faithful service on the Board. The Board thanked him and congratulated him.

President Dailey asked Acting Executive Director Madin to allow Mr. Mandeville the former Executive Director to be seated at the table one last time. President Dailey thanked Mr. Mandeville thanked for his great services to the Board and congratulated him on his retirement.

# IV Acting Executive Director's Remarks

Acting Executive Director Madin thanked Mr. Balla for his great service to the Board. He also thanked Mr. Mandeville for working and guiding him in the transition to the position and that he will be sincerely missed by everyone.

# V <u>UNIFORM PENALTY LETTER IN LIEU OF FORMAL COMPLAINT FOR CPE</u> <u>AUDIT - RENEWAL PERIOD 2009-2011</u>

# A REQUESTED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

- 1. Daniel B. Smith, III
- 2. Lalapet Kumar
- 3. David Michael Schlossberg
- 4. Michael L. Mansbach
- 5. Stephen A. Baliani
- 6. Joel Perlman
- 7. Denis Yi
- 8. Dalip Bhatia
- 9. David B. Taylor
- 10. Robert L. Wood
- 11. Irene M. Risley
- 12. John M. Rizzo
- 13. Clifford S. Marsh
- 14. David B. Taylor
- 15. Cynthia G. Newton

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Richard Barlotta, the Board voted to approve the requests for voluntary surrender. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#### B PAID PENALTY AND WILL MAKE UP CREDITS

- 1. Richard Garofalo \$7,000 paid
- 2. George Riggs \$1,000 paid
- 3. Jay Lesser \$2,500 paid
- 4. Stan A. Metter \$500.00 paid
- 5. Mayer G. Gindoff \$3,000 paid
- 6. Christopher M. Scutari \$4,000 paid
- 7. Alkesh S. Patel \$8,000 payments
- 8. Gerald E. Burke \$8,000 paid
- 9. Craig P. Vandenberg \$2,500 paid
- 10. Robert Ojeda \$8,000 payments
- 11. John E. O'Donnell \$5,000 paid
- 12. Lisa P. Cruz \$8,000 payments
- 13. Amy S. Bobrow \$8,000 payments
- 14. Priti P. Doshi \$8,000 payments

On a motion made by Daniel Geltrude, seconded by Jorge Caballero, the Board voted to approve the paid penalties and making up of credits. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

# C PAID PENALTY REQUEST INACTIVE STATUS

- 1. John G. Wells \$3,500 payments
- 2. Kenneth E. Nichols \$8,000 payments
- 3. Robert F. Koch \$5,000 payments
- 4. Franciso J. Kimmerling \$8,000 paid
- 5. Kenneth J. Tanis, Jr. \$8,000 paid
- 6. Marilis Soitu, III \$7,000 payments
- 7. Prakash J. Doshi \$8,000 paid

On a motion made by Harold Model, seconded by Michael Runge, the Board voted to approve the paid penalties and requests for inactive status. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

# D REQUESTED BOARD TO CONSIDER EXPLANATION

# 1. Young-Ok Kim

On a motion made by Richard Barlotta, seconded by Dennis Meyerson, the Board voted to rescind the UPL issued. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

# 2. Thomas W. Metelski

On a motion made by Jorge Caballero, seconded by Sara DeSmith, the Board voted to inform Mr. Metelski that he must make up the NJ Law and Ethics credits within 60 days and then the UPL will be rescinded. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#### 3. Jay Darin Leitstein

On a motion made by Richard Barlotta, seconded by Jorge Caballero, the Board voted to forward this matter to the June Executive agenda. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

# 4. Michael LoNigro

On a motion made by Daniel Geltrude, seconded by Michael Runge, the Board voted to inform Mr. LoNigro that he should make up 94 CPE credits and revise UPL to \$6,000.00. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

#### 5. Allan F.M. Symonies

The Chair directed that this matter be placed on the June Executive agenda for mitigation. Mr. Symonies should be sent a letter requesting additional information.

#### 6. Michele Fojon

On a motion made by Sara DeSmith, seconded by Jorge Caballero, the Board voted to forward this matter to the June Executive agenda. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

# 7. James W. Schultz

#### 8. Dawn M. Koczon

# VI Legislative Matters

#### A Assembly, No. 1254

Requires certain civil actions against certain licensed persons to be brought within two years.

Assembly, No. 1254 was accepted as informational.

#### B Assembly, No. 2460

Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.

The Board voted in favor of Assembly, No. 2460.

# VII Committee Reports

# A CPA Examination Committee

Harold Model had no report for the Board.

# B Ethics Committee

Jorge Caballero had no report but are in the mist of setting up a meeting date with providers.

#### C CPE Committee

Daniel Geltrude had no report.

#### D RMA Committee

John Dailey had no report.

# E Peer Review Oversight Committee

Sara DeSmith had no report. A meeting was going to be held after the May 15, 2014 meeting, but due to time constraints it was rescheduled.

# F Education Committee

No report was submitted.

#### G Reciprocity Committee

Michael Runge reported to the Board that he was looking at the application for endorsement and it appears that it needs some cleaning up. Mr. Runge informed the Board that he forwarded Assembly No. 1545 to Mr. Ainsley and Mr. Meyerson to review so that changes can be made.

A joint meeting will be held between the Statue/Rules/Regulations Committee and the Reciprocity Committee to go over the changes when the Regulatory Analyst gets back to the Board.

#### H Nominating Committee

No report was given.

#### I Statute/Rules/Regulations Committee

President Dailey informed the Board that the Statute/Rules/Regulations and Monitoring Profession will be scheduling a meeting as soon as Regulatory Analyst gets back to the Board.

# J Monitoring Profession Committee

President Dailey informed the Board that the Statute/Rules/Regulations and Monitoring Profession meeting as soon as Regulatory Analyst gets back to the Board.

#### VIII Public Comments

The Board members wished Mr. Mandeville well wishes and great luck on his retirement and thanked him for the great job he did on the Board. Mr. Mandeville will be sincerely missed.

The Public members that were in attendance also wished Mr. Mandeville well wishes on his retirement and thank him for all that he has done for the Board.

Andrew DuBoff, Former Board member reported to the Board on a NASBA matter regarding firm mobility. NASBA and AICPA are working together on firm mobility proposal that has now been approved. It will be now become part of the Uniform Accountancy Act.

President Dailey informed the Board that Dan Dustin from NASBA would like to visit the Board for Public Session sometime this year. He has been going around the country meeting all the Board. He was the Executive Director for the State Board in New York for a couple of years and is very highly respected.

Ralph Albert Thomas, CEO and Executive Director of the New Jersey Society of CPAs provided updates for to the Board.

Before the public session began, Mr. Thomas welcomed and congratulated Dave Milkosky on his appointment to State Board of Accountancy, and offered the Society's assistance with his transition as a new Board member. Before beginning his formal comments, Mr. Thomas congratulated and thanked Keith Balla on his service as a Past President and Board member. On behalf of the Society, he also want to thank William Mandeville for his service, and the professionalism he exhibited as Executive Director of the NJ State Board of

Accountancy. On behalf of the Society and himself, he congratulated and wished Mr. Mandeville all the best in his retirement.

Following are the Society's upcoming key dates, activities and initiatives:

## **Update on Important Society Dates**

- •May 14<sup>th</sup> &15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 NJSCPA Annual Accounting, Business and Technology Show at the Meadowlands Exposition and Convention Center, Secaucus, NJ.
- •May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Society's Scholars Institute Program at Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- •June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 NJSCPA Annual Convention & Expo at Bally's in Atlantic City, NJ
- •December 5<sup>th</sup>- NJSCPA Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Leadership Holiday Luncheon
- Mr. Thomas also updated Board members and staff on the following Society activities, initiatives and items impacting the profession.
- •President Obama recently signed into law the 2014 DATA Act.
- •The Society's informal task force working on mandatory audit firm rotation for municipalities and county governments will be finalizing its recommendations to address concerns Assemblywoman Munoz had surrounding controls over local and county expenditures.
- •Nationally, we continue to monitor Mobile Workforce legislation, S 1645, and proposals being considered in both the House and Senate to eliminate the cash basis of accounting for tax reporting purposes for pass through entities. We are hopeful the Mobile Workforce legislation will move forward in Congress.

#### **Additional Comments:**

The Society's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Ceremony was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and was well attended by more than 350 scholarship recipients, their parents and families and Society members. More than \$500,000 in scholarships was awarded to 80 plus high school seniors and college juniors, seniors and graduate students. I want to thank the current and past Board of Accountancy members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the event.

On a motion made by Jorge Caballero, seconded by Dennis Meyerson, the Board voted to adjourn the Board meeting at 2:00 PM. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Khaled Madin Acting Executive Director